


Ship building in New York is about at an end for the season. According to the Journal of Commerce the tonnage launched during the present year amounts to 80,130 tons, representing 83 vessels of all descriptions, and embracing 26 full sized ships and 4 steamships. Estimating the cost of the new tonnage at \$65 per ton, which is a low average, there have been absorbed by it not less than \$5,200,000. The tonnage launched last year amounting to only 46,479 tons so that the increase this year is very large. The amount of tonnage on the stocks now is only 17,749 tons against 57,749 last year. As soon as the tonnage on the stocks is completed building will almost be wholly suspended for the present.

But his operations are nevertheless very interesting. His bore is now 12 inches deep, of which he has cut the last two feet of tubing. At which depth there was encountered an upward force of sand that kept him some time employed in holding his ground. Gradually he has cleared this out, and the flow of water has increased. On Wednesday night the water by its own force, brought up a barrel of sand—equal to a good day's work of his machines; and the amount of water coming up yesterday morning was equal to three gallons a minute. This is a rapid increase in the sand stratum was reached, and we have no small hopes that in this very bad will be found what we have been looking for, a sufficient supply of good water.

down—that is, that the longer axis is vertical, so that the flattened ball fitting it would stand on its edge. But the winds gradually from the mouth to the base of the gun, so that while the ball is driven some to the position when the gun is loaded, it will have turned a quarter around and will lie horizontally—that is, at right-angles to the long axis of the mouth of the gun, and on its side. When the gun is fired the ball must make one revolution for every four lengths of the gun, and thereby counterbalances any imperfections in its shape which would otherwise defect it. Several of these guns have burst. This is, perhaps, attributable to the fact that they are used at very long ranges, and were probably overloaded.

provisions are still high, as our last week's market report will show, nor is there any reasonable prospect of their becoming much cheaper.

A genuine "Down Easter" was lately essaying to appropriate a square of exceedingly "tough beef" at dinner in the Wootton hotel. His convulsive efforts with his knife and fork attracted the attention and smiles of the rest of the company, who were in the same predicament as himself. At last "Jonathan's" patience vanished under ill success, when laying down his "utensils," he burst out with, "Strangers, you needn't laugh—if you haint got no regard for the landlord's feelings, *yez order ha've some respect for the old bull!*" This rally brought forth a hearty

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